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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

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dated 25 August 1959

1. On 25 August 1959 the Intelligence Board noted the attached findings and approved the action set forth in Section II.
2. The USIB agencies are therefore requested to take appropriate steps to comply.



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Executive Secretary

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I. Findings

Intelligence materials bearing on this estimate were generally sufficient both in quantity and quality. Such difficulties as did arise stemmed not so much from deficiencies in factual coverage as from problems of interpretation of broad trends from a mass of data. However, this estimate would have benefited from fuller information concerning:

1. Nasser's position and problems in Syria, including the extent and sources of present and potential Syrian opposition to the UAR regime.
2. Qassim's essential motives and the relative strength and capabilities of Iraqi factions, including Pan-Arab nationalists, Iraqi nationalists, Communists and Communist sympathizers.
3. The extent and nature of Sino-Soviet controls over Iraqi Communists, and Bloc strategy and tactics.

II. Action

Members of the USIB are requested to take such action as is feasible to remedy the above weaknesses in intelligence coverage.

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